

IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Resolutions and Debate Occupy the Senate.

\$75,000,000 FOR THE ARMY

Appropriation Bill Passes the House.

Number of Bills Passed in Both Branches of Congress—The Morgan Resolution.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Senate today heard further discussion on the question of appointments to office made during Congressional recesses, listened to a speech on the Isthmian canal question by Mr. Morgan and passed a number of bills of a semi-public character.

As a result of the debate on the appointment question a resolution asking for specific information concerning the nomination of W. L. D. Crum as Collector of Customs at the port of Charleston, S. C., was passed.

A resolution asking for similar information concerning the nomination of Brig.-Gen. Wood and other army officers went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Culberson introduced a resolution drawn up by a committee appointed at a recent Democratic conference, for the purpose of getting additional information concerning the Panama situation.

The members of the committee were Senators Gorham, Culberson, Carmack and Cockrell. The resolution follows: "Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether all the correspondence and notes between the Department of State and the Government of the United States at Bogota, and between either of these and the Government of Colombia for the construction of an Isthmian canal, and all the correspondence and notes between the United States and any of its officials and representatives and the Government of Panama concerning the separation of Panama from Colombia have been sent to the Senate, and if not, that he be requested to send the remaining correspondence and notes to the Senate in executive session."

The resolution went over under the rules. Bill were passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Snake river, Idaho, and authorizing the appointment of a naval officer and surveyor at the port of Chicago at a salary of \$5000 each.

THAT RECESS PROBLEM

Mr. Tillman called up his resolution, asking the Judiciary committee to report what constitutes a recess of the Senate. Mr. Hale argued that the December nomination of Collector Crum was not a new appointment, and that the question of the recess would meet the question of the right to draw salary when the matter came before him. He said that the original nomination shows that the President has not committed himself to any constructive recess between the extraordinary session and the present session of the Senate. Mr. Mitchell interposed that the nominations sent in do not give the nominees (meaning Collector Crum, Gen. Wood and others) the right to hold office.

Mr. Tillman read a letter from Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, reciting the various appointments of Mr. Crum to the Charleston (S. C.) collectorship and giving the version that the last appointment was made by the President at 10 o'clock noon, on the first Monday in December, when one session ended and another began.

Mr. Hale said that the matter was not of special significance, and that the question is not whether Mr. Crum is still serving on his appointment.

Mr. Tillman said that Mr. Crum is holding office just the same, and added: "I notice, too, that Mr. Leonard Wood is sending out dispatches from the Philippines, signing himself Major-General, and he is not a Major-General."

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Without disposing of the Tillman resolution the Senate took up the calendar and passed the following bills:

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The Senate at 5:02 p. m. went into executive session and at 5:08 p. m. adjourned.

IN THE HOUSE.

Army Appropriation Bill Carrying \$75,000,000 Passed.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The House today passed the army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$75,000,000, after adopting a number of amendments.

The provision for the consolidation of the Adjutant-General's department and the record and pension of the War department into one bureau, to be known as the military secretary's office, was stricken from the bill on a point of order raised by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio.

The item of \$400,000 for the construction of an army general hospital at Washington also went out on a point of order, as did the paragraph providing for the construction of a submarine cable from Sitka to Fort Liscomb.

A resolution calling on the Secretary of State for information as to the number of carriages maintained by the Government for the State department was adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO ARMY BILL.

When the House convened today Mr. Adams (Penn.), from the Committee on Expenditures in the State department, reported a privileged resolution requesting the Secretary of State to furnish information as to the number of horses, carriages and automobiles maintained at the expense of the Government for the State department.

Mr. Hitchcock of Nebraska sought to amend the resolution so as to make it read: "During the calendar year," saying that the omission of these words would leave a loop hole, but Mr. Adams demanded the previous question, and on this Mr. Hitchcock yielded for yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The previous question was ordered by a vote of 125 to 109, when the resolution was adopted.

The House then resumed consideration of the army appropriation bill in committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) the paragraph providing for the pay of officers of the army was amended so as to provide that no part of the money appropriated under the act shall be expended in payments to any retired army officer who received payment for services as clerk or other civil employee in any of the departments of the Government.

An amendment by Mr. Park (N. J.) was adopted, giving a contract surgeon in charge of a hospital the same authority as a commissioned medical officer.

Mr. Slayden (Texas) made an unsuccessful effort to eliminate from the bill an appropriation of \$95,148 for the maintenance of the two battalions of the Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry.

He had Secretary Root's statement before the committee read, in which he advocated the appropriation as a political, but not a military necessity.

The committee on the bill was not used in a party sense. Mr. Slayden asserted, but patriotism could be developed in the Porto Ricans through civic advantages rather than military service.

Mr. Hay (Virginia) said that the Porto Ricans enlisted in the regiment had done so for a term of years, and to cut off the appropriation would be a violation of the contract with them on the part of this Government.

BARRACKS IN PHILIPPINES.

Mr. Patterson (Tenn.), in making inquiry of Mr. Hull concerning the paragraph providing for barracks in the Philippines, asked: "Does the gentleman think there will always be a necessity for troops in the Philippines and for these expenses to go on?"

"I should think," Mr. Hull replied, "that the time never will come when the United States would not have troops in the Philippines any more than the time had never come when we have not had troops in the State of New York and the State of Illinois."

The report fixing the limit of the cost of construction of any hospital at \$50,000 went out on a point of order raised by Mr. Hemenway, the present legal limit being \$20,000.

The paragraphs appropriating \$400,000 for an army hospital in the District of Columbia and \$200,000 for the sale of ordnance and ordnance stores and making it available for replacing such stores, went out on points of order as new legislation, and a like objection was made to the appropriation of \$25,000 for the construction of a life-saving station at Half-Moon bay, California.

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MERCURY ON A SLIDE

Ice King Refuses to Relax His Grip.

LOW RECORDS RECORDED

Much Suffering in Chicago and at Other Points.

Mississippi River at Keokuk Frozen Solid From Bank to Bank—Blizzard in Kansas.

Where It Was Below Zero:

Chicago	15
Keokuk, Mo.	23
Duluth, Minn.	22
Detroit, Mich.	6
Topeka, Kan.	10
Kansas City, Mo.	19
St. Paul, Minn.	20
Omaha, Neb.	17
Kansas City, Kan.	5

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Piercing cold made the whole Northwest suffer today. The thermometer reached 15 below zero in Chicago. The record here is 23 below and there is some expectation that a new low point will be touched before the cold spell is ended. One man, frozen stiff, was found by pedestrians on an outlying part of Thirty-second street. He had apparently struggled along until exhausted by the cold and had dropped unconscious and literally was frozen to death in his tracks in the snow. The unidentified corpse was taken to the morgue. There were countless instances of frozen hands and ears. Traffic was generally hampered.

The bitter cold experienced today at 15 below is the most intense so far this winter in Chicago. Stretching to the northwest, the mercury shows a swiftly descending scale, the minimum in the United States being at Blomark and Williston, N. D., where the official figures are at 34 below zero. The crest of the wave is, however, beyond the national boundary line, Minnesota, N. W. T. reporting 35 below. There are no telegraph stations northward from Minnesota.

IN RIVER CITIES.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—Street car and railroad traffic is completely delayed today because of a blizzard that has prevailed for several hours. While not the coldest day of the season, the thermometer stands at about 4 degrees above zero, a few points higher than the lowest point reached this winter.

The full effects of the storm were felt at the World's fair, where less than one-half of the 10,000 men employed on the construction work reported for duty today. These worked under great difficulty and with considerable suffering.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Northwestern Missouri and northern and eastern Kansas are experiencing the coldest weather of the season today, with a still further fall in temperature predicted tonight. In the northwestern portion of Missouri the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning averaged 10 degrees below zero. Snow flurries are reported from all this part of the Southwest.

Omaha, Jan. 25.—Extreme cold continues throughout Nebraska and western Iowa today, the minimum temperature being 17 below, and the maximum for the past twenty-four hours 7 below. The local weather bureau predicts a continuation of the low temperature tomorrow with a moderate Wednesday. The bitterness of the cold is increased by a biting north wind.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—This portion of Kansas is in the grasp of a fierce blizzard, which came sweeping down from the north Sunday night. The Government weather bureau reported the temperature at 3 degrees below at 9 o'clock and constantly growing colder. From dawn until night snow fell in great quantities, and it is apparent that the fall will continue throughout the night. Street cars running on schedules were abandoned, and every effort was made to keep the cars running regardless of time. At nightfall would six inches of snow covered the streets and the thermometers registered 3 degrees above.

AT OTHER POINTS.

Keokuk, Ia., Jan. 25.—Both the Mississippi and the Des Moines rivers are completely frozen. The thermometer is 8 degrees and falling. All rivers and creeks are bank-full and frozen solid. Much danger is expected when the ice breaks in the spring.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 25.—The weather here this morning is the coldest in thirty years, the thermometer standing at 26 below zero.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 25.—The Government thermometer here registered 27 below this morning, while private thermometers registered from 25 to 36 below. There is much suffering among the poor.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 25.—The thermometer here this morning registered 32 below.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25.—The Government thermometer registered a low for eight hours last night, and the observer predicts that it will go lower tonight. Although there was of necessity suffering from the cold among the poor last night, no deaths have been reported today.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—The prevailing cold wave has effectively checked the destruction from floods throughout northern and central Ohio. It is 4 below here today.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 25.—Thirty degrees below zero was the official record today, although thermometers in various parts of the city registered from 2 to 3 degrees lower.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—A blizzard has been raging throughout Kansas all day. Snow driven by a fierce north wind has fallen and the mercury has been below zero. In Topeka it was 10 degrees below. Advice from western and central Kansas say that cattle are suffering severely and much loss in this direction is expected.

Blizzard in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—For the past two days a terrible blizzard has been

raging here, practically tying up the entire city's business. The cold has been intense, with a sharp wind from the north. A number of persons have been frozen to badly that they had to be carried to the hospitals. On Sunday the thermometer registered 50 degrees below.

ICE AND FLOOD REIGN.

Situation in Pennsylvania and Elsewhere Serious.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 25.—There was little relief from the flood at Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Esopus this afternoon. The water had fallen thirty inches this morning, but remained stationary all day. The cold weather had added to the discomfort and all the flooded towns are enveloped in a sheet of ice two or three inches thick.

At Esopus the houses are uninhabitable. The water has reached a level under six feet of water from Catawissa to South Danville, and the Bloomsburg division is out of service between Bloomsburg and Danville. Ice ten feet high is piled on the tracks of the latter road. The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The three men reported missing when the tugboat Adell sank by the ice last night, lost their lives while trying to reach shore over the icebergs. They were Capt. Mount, Fireman John Hancock and Steward Cashier Adrian.

TOWN UNDER WATER.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 25.—The lower portion of Parkersburg, including the business part of the town almost up to Third street, is under water, while among the residence districts, Riverside, Becawood and the South side are pretty well inundated. The public buildings available were occupied last night by persons from the flooded districts, and several hundred persons were driven from their homes.

Business houses and factories were flooded and many of the residents of the town of men at work all night to remove property. Railroad traffic is suspended.

Business Portion of Parkersburg Entirely Submerged.

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WRECK ON BURLINGTON

Three Killed and Seven Injured in Collision.

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Accident Occurred on a Bridge Forty Miles From St. Louis—Two Cars and Engine Burned.

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AN APPEAL FOR AID.

American Bible Society in Danger of Being Crippled for Lack of Funds.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The American Bible association has issued an appeal, in which it is set forth that the work of the society is in danger of being seriously crippled for lack of funds. The appeal is signed by President Roosevelt, former president of the society; Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme court, Associate Justices Harlan and Brewer, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Post Office, William J. Bryan, Senators Frank P. Loeb, William D. Hearst, and Charles D. McNamara, and Representatives Payne, Duffell and John S. Williams.

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